

One of our eastern exchanges in an elaborate article on our foreign purchases remarks that the statement of the foreign trade statistics of the United States up to the close of April, show one prominent characteristic which demands serious consideration. It is the excessive tendency on the part of the American people, for an enormous outlay in foreign products and luxuries. During the month of April our imports of foreign merchandise reached \$74,388,880, against \$42,130,101 for the same period in 1879. During March and April the imports into the United States attained the enormous sum of \$141,000,000. This equals, if it does not exceed, 900,000 tons. This equals, if it does not exceed, 900,000 tons. This equals, if it does not exceed, 900,000 tons.

We thus have an increase of sixty-three per cent. in the imports of the current fiscal year, which is one of the most remarkable movements on record. It is true that the importation of iron, which will probably come with the last month, have largely contributed to make this increase, but outside of that cause the figures indicate the disposition of the people toward extravagance. While we have thus been increasing our foreign purchases, our exportations of American products have enlarged, but in a much smaller proportion. Our total exports for the ten months ending with April were \$100,000,000, an increase of \$7,500,000. So that while we have increased our foreign purchases of trade, it has suffered a severe reduction for the ten months specified from \$243,834,382 in 1879 to \$178,948,047. There is also a moderate possibility, if the present movement keeps up, of the near extinction of the balance of trade in our favor by the close of the fiscal year.

It is well known fact that the United States more than any other country contains among its own productions all the necessities of life. We can be well fed, well housed, well clothed and well warmed with our own products. When we go to foreign nations and make large expenditures, it is with a few unimportant exceptions for luxuries, or for a large supply of foreign products which we would be quite as well off without, or which we could with a reasonable development of our resources make in our own country. In short the nation seems too soon to have forgotten the lesson of economy which is learned by such delinquent expenditure in luxuries. The example of our expenditures in luxuries clothing and jewelry set by the wealthier classes, has extended to the ranks of moderate wealth and thence to the people of ordinary and limited means. But it is hoped that the severe check which has recently been put upon domestic speculation and inflation, will also extend a wholesome influence to restrain upon expenditures for foreign luxuries. Last fall the great business boom began and everywhere in the country doubled up in market value and the nation fondly imagined that it was twice as wealthy as it was before. It has already found out its mistake and the discovery is likely to put an end to the personal extravagance which was founded on the fictitious increase of wealth during 1879. The boom in iron has already suffered quite a collapse, and the effect of the collapse will be to stop or greatly check the importation of that article; the restrictions to imaginary individual wealth will doubtless diminish the demand for foreign luxuries, and effect if Russia should require less of our products this year than last, it is permitted to hope that a sufficient return to the passion of luxury will be made so that we may still retain the balance of foreign trade in favor of this country. In earlier days even the people of Oregon were able to do without many things which they are now importing every year to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Those people who have been in Portland for a day or two past could teach even some of the so-called statesmen the useful and simple lesson of political economy which the Americans are slow to learn, but quick to forget, that the wealth of nations, communities or individuals is in what they have, and not in the extent of trade relations or the amount of the business they do.

The dispatches announce that congress has adjourned, an event which might have occurred some time ago and the country being none the worse off. What it has done for the benefit of its constituents, the record does not show, and Mr. A. Vanderburgh's characterization of it, made some time since, will apply with equal force to the adjournment. It has been a constant task on part of the more skillful politicians to keep the hot-headed members of the party in check, and but little else has been at all attempted. This effort, however, has been tolerably successful, and the utterances have generally been such as do not need any particular defense or explanation before the country. The somewhat hasty and unexpected adjournment was probably induced by the fear on part of the policy men that President Hayes' last year would so excite the democrats that they would break over all restraint, and give the party dead away. The democratic mob, too, wanted to go to Cincinnati and see what the sage of cipher alley proposes to do about the next victim to meet his fate at the hands of the republican candidate for the presidency.

The San Francisco Examiner, that scribe box of political slander and vicious mendacity concerning the republican party and republican candidates, has reached the democratic organ in this city, and the latter reveals in a column of gross misrepresentations and abuse of Gen. Garfield, a man against whom none of his political enemies of respectability have ever made an accusation attaching to him the least shadow of disrepute in private or public life.

Congress adjourned it seems the republican party had nominated a man for the presidency, the investigation of whose character would make no political capital for the democracy, not adding anything to the life of Gen. Garfield which would not bear the perfect test of truth, congress quietly adjourned, to allow its democratic moment time to hunt up some other issue and some other campaign against Gen. Garfield.

The wonderful reduction of the public debt during a year of \$14,925,032, combined with the decrease during April of over \$12,000,000 and over the ten months of the current fiscal year of nearly \$75,000,000, makes a splendid financial showing. At the present rate the nation will pay off over \$100,000,000 of its debt this year, and could extinguish its entire debt in three years.

MARRIED.
In this city, June 16th, at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. H. M. Ross, by Rev. A. J. Chase, L. F. Gardner of Union City, Oregon, to Miss M. J. Ross of Portland.

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